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The Biddeford School Department along with the Dayton Consolidated School Department would like to announce with excitement and enthusiasm that they have entered into a collaborative partnership for shared central office administration for the duration of 2 years, beginning July 1, 2014. Unlike the formation of consolidated school units, Dayton and Biddeford will operate two separate school departments under the leadership of individual school committees. This greater collaboration will allow for each school department and community to retain their own identities while setting a unique vision for educational services for students.

Under the agreement students from the town of Dayton will retain school choice thus preserving the long standing tradition and relationship with Saco Middle School, RSU 23, and Thornton Academy. Both communities understand the importance of tradition, relationships, and consistent educational programming for students.

The sharing of central office services will have a positive financial impact on each community by reducing cost for administrative services. In addition to the reduction in administration expenditures, both school departments will continue to explore greater efficiencies through joint purchasing and contracting thus focusing dollars on student educational services.